

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Bunny Village Hall
held on Thursday September 19, 2019 at 7.15pm

Couns.

Mrs Izumi Featherstone, Steve Stubbs, David Beckford,
Maria Webb, John Alldred, Nigel Sutton (A), Chris Rogers

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott and one member of the public.

- 1] APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN Coun. Steve Stubbs was elected chairman.
- 2] APOLOGIES Coun. Nigel Sutton
- 3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 4] MINUTES FRO PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 25, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
The In Memorium Book for the Queen has been received and was handed over to the chairman for safe keeping on behalf of the parish church.
Coun. Adair has reminded the council he had a small amount of funding available for a specific project in the village.
Free bags of salt, five 20kg bags available from Nottingham County Council. It was agreed to order five bags and to have them delivered to outside the back entrance of the village hall.
- 6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
There were no reports.
- 7] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC
The meeting was told by the leader of the BIG group that the volunteers involved in the group had now put in over 150 hours community work to help improve the village environment. The clerk was asked to check on the position of the volunteers at times working at the side of, or on, a highway to carry out such as siding work on the footpath and to ask if the council insurance covered them.
The question of providing a new tree in the planter at the corner of Keyworth Lane was raised with a suggestion that the tree might be illuminated at Christmas. The clerk was to cost the provision of solar lighting.
Work was needed on Footpaths 1, 2, 5 and 10 and the clerk was asked to report the problems to the Footpaths department at the County Council.
- 8] CORRESPONDENCE
Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire advised of the Village Hall Week from January 20 to January 25 next year. 2020. Support would be given to it by the council and it was suggested the planned national Open Day for halls might involve village groups including the Local History Group, the Choir and the WI.
It was confirmed that the Bunny and Bradmore Charities nominated trustee from the Council was Coun. Featherstone.
Rushcliffe Borough Council tree scheme was discussed but it was felt there was no suitable site for planting.
Nottingham County Council footpaths officer Jane Baines advised the first bridge on Footpath 10 had been repaired and the state of the second one was being checked A letter from CPRE of which the council are members said they were looking to strengthen their strategy in an attempt to halt a drop in their membership figures.
- 9] HIGHWAY MATTERS
No matters were raised.

10] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications

19/01812 Mr Mrs Bennett, 14 Victoria Road. Demolish ground floor rear extension and replace with new ground floor rear extension. No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions There were none

11] FINANCE

Payment of Accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

The clerk was asked to investigate the availability of displaying the budget / spent figures for each item on the accounts sheet as presented to each meeting.

12] VILLAGE HALL

The clerk was to investigate the regulations as to provision of a smoke alarm for the village hall, with currently this facility not being in place.

Coun. Rogers was to look at the electricity usage for the hall and the costs of it, with the clerk being asked to provide the necessary figures for the past year.

Various items of work required on the hall were mentioned and it was suggested that the BIG community group might be willing to assist. Coun. Alldred, a member of the group, would raise it with them.

Coun. Featherstone was continuing to seek prices for the work suggested by the village hall committee and would provide the clerk with a list of all the items in order a check could be made with Rushcliffe Borough Council as far as permitted work allowed in a Listed Building.

The question of play equipment for the Green had been raised by the hall committee and it was agreed the matter be raised again at the next meeting. Coun. Beckford said he would like to see a play item provided as a means of recognition by the council for the VE75 Day celebrations in 2020.

13] ENVIRONMENT AND FOOTPATHS

The clerk reported that a Memorial seat for the late Mr Vic Gunn had been suggested by his family. The council supported the idea and the clerk was to deal with the family in regard to details.

Coun. Beckford said discussions on the matter of provision of a defibrillator unit were ongoing. The next meeting of the working party was on October 2.

Suggestions for VE Day 75 activities on May 8,9 and 10 next year are being sought and it was suggested a Working Party be established with organisations in the village being invited to be part of it.

Coun. Featherston said the question of play equipment for the Green has been raised and the type of equipment suggested was being priced. Coun. Beckford said he would suggest one item of equipment could be dedicated to the VE day

Discussion took place in regard to the Christmas tree for outside the village hall. It was agreed that a switch-on ceremony for the lights would take place on December 1, to coincide with the Christingle Service at the parish church.

14] CASUAL VACANCIES

The clerk said there were still two vacancies on the council and more efforts were needed to find residents to fill the places.

15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 2019

VEDay 75, Play equipment.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-40pm.